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May 26, 2000

Richard Bedier 480 East Main P.O. Box 321 Green River, Utah 84525

Re: Receipt of Permit Application Fee, Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Judy #1 Project, S/019/047, Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bedier:

Thank you for responding to our April 19, 2000 letter, by submitting a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (SMO) received May 15, 2000. Along with the SMO was a \$100.00 permit application fee. On November 12, 1999, we received your 1999 fee for this unpermitted project. The next fee payment would not be due until the next fiscal year which begins July 1. Therefore, as we are within 45 days of the 2000-2001 fiscal year, it is Division policy that fees received within this timeframe will be applied to the next year. You should not receive a billing for the next fiscal year for this project. If you do receive a billing statement, please contact Joelle Burns at (801) 538-5291 so it can be corrected.

The application for the proposed Judy #1 Project, located in the SW1/4 of Section 35, T21S, R16E SLBM, Grand County, Utah *is now considered complete and in effect*. No additional information is required by the Division at this time. *You may now commence operations as outlined in your notice*, provided you have obtained written approval from the BLM to proceed on federal managed lands.

If you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify our office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock

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outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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